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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, petition of Cory Atkins and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to software used in voting machines for elections. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO SOFTWARE USED IN VOTING MACHINES FOR ELECTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 33F of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
- 3 fourth sentence the following sentence:— Any software program
- 4 used in the tabulation of the votes cast through the use of a com-
- 5 puter or similar counting unit or voting machine shall be owned
- 6 solely by the commonwealth, not by a private company.